

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested. Claims 1-11 are present in the application. No claim amendments are made.

Claims 1, 2 and 9-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Miyachi et al (U.S. 6,885,421) in view of Uchiyama et al. (U.S. 6,638,582). Claims 3, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Miyachi et al (U.S. 6,885,421) and Uchiyama et al (U.S. 6,638,582) in view of Ishii (U.S. 5,134,507). Claims 4-6, 9 and 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Miyachi et al (U.S. 6,885,421) and Uchiyama et al A (U.S. 6,638,582) in view of Uchiyama B (U.S. 6,800,697). Claims 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Miyachi et al (U.S. 6,885,421) and Uchiyama et al (U.S. 6,638,582) in view of Matsuoka et al (U.S. 6,444,280).

Applicants respectfully traverse.

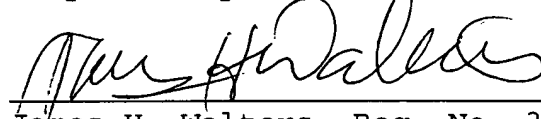
Applicants remove the main reference document , Miyachi (US 6885421), by perfecting the priority claim in this application. The effective date of the Miyachi application as a reference for U.S. purposes is August 12, 2003 (the §371 (c)(1), (2), (4) date, which is the date that the PCT national phase entry filing requirements were met in the U.S.). The present application has a priority date of April 7, 2003. Accordingly, submitted

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herewith is a translation of the priority document for this application. This thereby removes Miyachi as a reference document. In absence of the Miyachi document the other documents do not teach or suggest the claimed subject matter, whether considered alone, or when combined.

In light of the above noted remarks, this application is believed in condition for allowance and notice thereof is respectfully solicited. The Examiner is asked to contact applicant's attorney at 503-224-0115 if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

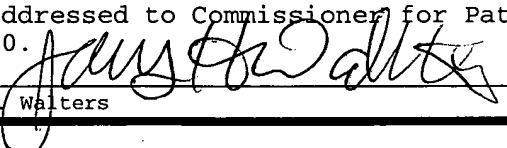


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